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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV PINT BR

SUBJ: MDB DENIED FREE ACCESS TO RADIO AND TELEVISION

REF: BRASILIA 6205 AND 6380

1. ON NOVEMBER 20, THE SUPREME ELECTORAL COURT DECIDED BY A VOTE OF 4 TO 3 THAT THE MDB WOULD NOT RECEIVE FREE RADIO AND TV BROADCASTS DURING THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN. THIS DECISION DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE OPPOSITION PARTY FROM PURCHASING RADIO AND TV TIME. THE DECISION STATED THAT THE LAW GRANTING CANDIDATES GRATUITIOUS ACCESS TO THE MASS MEDIA IS APPLICABLE ONLY TO DIRECT ELECTIONS. THE MINORITY OPINION IN THE COURT REASONED THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT ELECTION IN BRAZIL SHOULD NOT BE DIVORCED FROM PUBLIC OPINION AND THAT THE VIEWS OF ALL CANDIDATES SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

2. THE MDB IMMEDIATELY ANNOUNCED THAT A PARTY CONVENTION WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 28 TO DECIDE IF THE OPPOSITION SHOULD CONTINUE TO CONTEST THE ELECTION. MOST OBSERVERS BELIEVE THE VIEW OF THE MODERATES WILL PREVAIL AND THE MDB WILL CONTINUE ITS CAMPAIGN. A SIGN OF THE FROWING
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RECOGNITION OF THE UTILITY OF THE CAMPAIGN IS THE POSITION

TAKEN AFTER THE COURT DECISION BY ONE FORMER
"AUTENTICO." DEP ALCEU COLLARES, ONE OF THE FEW TO VOTE
AGAINST THE CAMPAIGN IN THE MDB CONVENTION, HAS PROPOSED
THAT THE CANDIDATES RENOUNCE THEIR CANDIDACY, BUT CONTINUE
THE CAMPAIGN AS PLANNED. CONCURRENTLY ULYSSES GUIMARAES
HAS ANNOUNCED THE MDB IS STUDYING THE POSSIBILITY OF
APPEALING THE ELECTORAL COURT'S DECISION TO THE SUPREME
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